

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

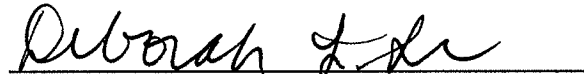
If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, prior to issuance of any paper other than a Notice of Allowance, an interview is respectfully requested with the Examiner, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments herein, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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